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WASHINGTON (AP) -- SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER TODAY CALLED

IN SOVIET AMBASSADOR ANATOLY DOBRYNIN TO PROTEST RECENT RUSSIAN HARASSMENT OF JEWS.

ACCORDING TO A STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN, KISSINGER AND THE AMBASSADOR MET FOR MORE THAN AN HOUR AND A HALF OVER BREAKFAST.

"THE SITUATION OF JEWS IN THE SOVIET UNION WAS DISCUSSED," PRESS OFFICER ROBERT FUNSETH TOLD REPORTERS. "THE SOVIET UNION IS VERY MUCH AWARE OF OUR POSITION ON THE TREATMENT OF SOVIET JEWS."

NO STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL WOULD PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGE ANY POLITICAL MOTIVATION IN KISSINGER'S ACTION, BUT THE CONTEXT APPEARS TO RELATE TO THE CURRENT PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE JIMMY CARTER RAISED THE ISSUE AGAIN RECENTLY BY COMPLAINING ABOUT ALLEGED SOVIET ABUSES OF RUSSIAN JEWS.

THE USUAL STATE DEPARTMENT LINE IS TO DECLINE TO DISCUSS PUBLICLY THE QUESTION OF RUSSIAN JEWS, PREFERRING TO USE SO-CALLED "QUIET DIPLOMACY."

BUT AFTER CARTER SPOKE, KISSINGER PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED HE WAS SEEING DOBRYNIN, A DEPARTURE FROM THE COMMON POSITION THAT THE SECRETARY'S MEETINGS WITH AMBASSADORS ARE NOT PUBLICLY DISCLOSED IN ADVANCE.

FUNSETH DECLINED TO GIVE DETAILS OF THE TALKS, BUT OTHER OFFICIALS SAID KISSINGER REBUKED THE RUSSIANS FOR INCREASING PRESSURE ON DISSIDENT JEWS.

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